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SUBJECT: JUNE 27 MEETING OF EC ME EXPERTS

REF: PARIS 16554

SUMMARY. ITALIAN OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR ME AFFAIRS, BARTOLOMEO

ATTOLICO (XGDS-1), DUBIOUS OF SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON ME

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PROBLEMS AT REF MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. IN JUNE 26 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, ATTOLICO SAID THAT EC'S MID EAST EXPERTS HAD MADE VERY LITTLE PROGRESS REGARDING A POSSIBLE GUARANTOR'S ROLE FOR MEMBERS OF THE NINE IN ANY ME SETTLEMENT. THAT WHICH THE EXPERTS HAVE SO FAR DRAFTED IS THIN AND VAGUE. ATTOLICO (RETURNING TO A FAVORITE THEME OF HIS) SAID HE DOUBTED THAT THE DRAFT SHOULD OR COULD BE FLESHED OUT UNTIL THERE ARE "REAL" CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN US AND THE NINE ON THE WHOLE ME QUESTION.

2. ATTOLICO TURNED ASIDE A QUESTION ON A POSSIBLE NEW EC RESOLUTION ON THE MID EAST WITH THE REMARK THAT FINDING SADAT A BILLION AND A QUARTER DOLLARS TO KEEP HIS ECONOMY AFLOAT WAS A MORE PREGNANT QUESTION, BUT ONE NOT WITHIN THE AMBIT OF HIS EXPERTS COMMITTEE. VOLPE

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